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RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$10,000,000.
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" 12 " 6 "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 21, 1894. 332

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,250,000.
PAID-UP.....£625,500.

Bankers.
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the Rate of 2 % per Annum on the Daily
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 %
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For 3 Months.....3 %

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 16, 1893. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-
TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Esq. H. STOTTERFORD, Esq.
CHAN KIN SHAN, Esq.
C. KUAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN,
AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP.....£1,000,000.

Bankers.

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Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed
Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Ex-
change business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

Intimations.

HONGKONG MINSTRELS.

A MEETING of the MEMBERS of the
above will be held at the CITY HALL,
SATURDAY, 2nd February, at 5 p.m.,
to receive the Accounts, and transact other
important Business.

WILLIAM BLAYNAY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 30, 1895. 222

DELILIOS' PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE above SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on
MONDAY NEXT, 4th February.
Hongkong, January 31, 1895. 224

NOTICE

THE PLague RECOGNITION GENERAL
COMMITTEE have the honour to lay
before the Residents of Hongkong, the
following STATEMENT, and to APPEAL
for further SUBSCRIPTIONS to enable
them to redeem their Promises in regard
to the Recognition to be accorded to the
numerous Workmen during the Last Year's
Plague.

It will be remembered that when the
Appeal for FUNDS was first made, it was
intimated that a sum of \$5,000 would prob-
ably be adequate to meet the cost of
Medals, &c.

AS SUBSCRIPTIONS flowed in freely
from the EUROPEAN COMMUNITY and it was
reasonably expected both that the CHINIAN
COMMUNITY would materially help and that the
Receipts from the PLague CONCERTS would be
substantial, it was estimated that a sum of \$6,500
would result from the LIBERITY of the Public.

Acting on this Estimate and being guided
as to the probable cost of Medals by an
expert, the COMMITTEE increased by 50 %
the number of Gold Medals to be awarded.

It now transpired that the Reliance of the
Committee upon the CHINIAN COMMUNITY and upon the
PLague CONCERTS was misplaced, as, instead of sum of \$2,000 and
\$1,500 stated at the time to be the same
derived from these two sources, the total
amounts actually received or still due are
only \$145.00 and \$416.00 respectively; in
addition to this, the Estimate of the charge for
Medals locally ascertained has proved to be
twice as wide of the mark.

The COMMITTEE are in a position to state
that the cost of Medals as they are now
advised will be about \$5,000, that the
Plate, &c., will cost \$1,800 and that a sum
of at least \$700 will be required for Letters
of Thanks, Contribution to Italian Con-
vent and other Outgoings.

Under the above circumstances, the Com-
MITTEE make a FRESH APPEAL to the
Generosity of the COMMUNITY for a sum
of \$3,000 AT LEAST, and trust that it
will not be incumbent on them to go back
on the Undertaking to which they have
been committed by speech and record.

Hongkong, January 29, 1895. 212

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at the Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Praya Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 8th
day of February, 1895, at 11 o'clock, for
the purpose of considering, and if thought
fit, passing the following Resolution, viz.:

That the Special Resolutions of this
Company passed and confirmed at
"EXCELSIOR" Hongkong, 1,400 FEET ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL. TELEPHONE
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THIS Magnificent HOTEL is situated at the most beautiful and healthy part of the
Hill District. The air is delightfully cool and bracing; the temperature being at
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THE CUISINE is under the personal superintendence of an experienced EUROPEAN
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LAWN TENNIS.—Three Courts in splendid condition are kept for the use of
VISITORS.

TRAMWAY TICKETS are supplied to Residents and Visitors at the HOTEL at
reduced rates.

For further Particulars, apply at the OFFICE 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, or to
THE MANAGER, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, September 24, 1894. 1523

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company
Pedder's Street, at Noon, on SATURDAY,
the 9th February, 1895, to receive a State-
ment of the Company's Accounts to the
31st December, 1894, and the Report of the
General Managers.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th
of February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1895. 205

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES
named:—

FOR STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

LONDON.....Jazz.....About 6th February...Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI.....Rohilla.....About 11th February...Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.....Sutlej.....Noon, 14th February. See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN.....Ancona.....Noon, 15th February...Freight or Passage.

LONDON via
MARSEILLES...Ceylon.....About 16th February...Freight or Passage.

Business Notices.

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EVERY CLASS OF ASBESTOS MANUFACTURED GOODS NOW ON STOCK
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BELL'S ASBESTOLINE (Solid Lubricant).

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NO Pains have been spared in the Selection of every description of WINES and
PROVISIONS with which the Store is now fully supplied.

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HOTELS, CANTEENS, PRIVATE MESSES, &c., will find it most advantageous
to obtain quotations.

SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.

H. RUTTONJEE, 13, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, February 1, 1895. 244

FURNISHING.

H.-KONG TRADING CO.

HAVE ALWAYS A GOOD SELECTION OF
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COIR MATTINGS and MATS, CORK BATH MATS.
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to and from all Mail Steamers.

ROOMS TO LET on 2nd and 3rd Floors, FURNISHED or
UNFURNISHED.

E. J. RICHARDSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 21, 1895. 167

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Hertha*, Captain v. BINSZ, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONG-KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th Feb. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th Feb., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1895. 232

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

GENERAL AVERAGE S. S. CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

CONSIGNERS are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed into the Company's Godowns at Wanchai. A General Average Bond must be signed and a deposit of 10% made on the arrived value of the cargo previous to countersignature of Bills of Lading. The AVERAGE BOND is lying at the Company's Office for Signature.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1895. 204

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Wingsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon on the 30th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1895. 202

To Let.

TO LET.

GODOWNS in WANCHAI, at the back of McGREGOR'S BARRACKS.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO. Hongkong, December 7, 1894. 329

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 22, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to M. MOURENTE, No. 5, Arbutus Road. Hongkong, December 20, 1894. 2072

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—*RANGOUR*, MOUNT KELLET, (Furnished).

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GODOWNS.

BLUE BUILDINGS. No. 74, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, January 29, 1895. 215

TO LET.

NO. 2, PEDDE'S STREET, next to the GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON. Hongkong, December 7, 1894. 1888

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Tacoma..... Tuesday, February 26. Suez..... Tuesday, March 19. Victoria..... Tuesday, April 9.

THE Steamship *TACOMA*, Captain R. CRAWFORD, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, 26th February, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C. and TACOMA, via SHANAHAN INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 23, 1895. 173

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

CENTRAL American ship, Capt. B. J. Colford—Captain.

GANNET, American ship, Capt. Bartlett, Captain & Co.

Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB. THE SECOND PERFORMANCE OF THE PANTOMIME, 'ROBINSON CRUSOE,' Monday, 4th February, 1895.

Will be under the Patronage of COMMONS BOYCE, R.N., and of H.M. Fleet.

The dates of the other Performances will be

February 6th, 9th, 12th,

16th and 23rd.

LATE TEAES each evening 15 Minutes after fall of Curtain.

TICKETS and BOOKS of the WORDS of the Songs can be obtained at MEARS, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 31, 1895. 233

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of February next, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1894.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1895. 185

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 2nd to the 16th day of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1895. 186

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 18th February, 1895, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 25, 1895. 101

FOR SALE

JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.

JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS.

JAPAN COPYING PAPERS.

JAPAN WALL PAPERS.

&c., &c., &c.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.

ORDERS to be respectfully received by the Undersigned.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

8, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

THE Company's S.S. *Pinguey* having

arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 7th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1895. 233

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Lymeon,

Captain G. HEDDERICKEN,

will be despatched for the

above Port TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 2nd Feb., at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1895. 223

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

THE Company's S.S. *Wingsang* having

arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of

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are being landed at their risk into the

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notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. To-day.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPPAK & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1895. 233

NOTES.

A warra in the *Ceylon Observer*, referring to the military contribution, says, Ceylon can not shoulder to shoulder with the Straits and with Hongkong—to some purpose, let us hope.

Two German cruisers *Kondor* and *Kormoran* are now in East Africa, and it is uncertain if they will proceed to China. The German cruiser *Irene*, the flagship of the China Squadron, was expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong to-day.

The attendance at Organ Recitals here varies. We remember years ago a Recital was announced, and in the afternoon of the day fixed for it, there was a typhoon or a semi-typhoon commanding, and only about a dozen people put in appearance, but notwithstanding this, Mr Sangerer insisted on going through his programme. There was no lack of attendance, however, yesterday, as the Cathedral was well filled, and H. B. the Governor, who has not been absent from any of these Recitals, was also present. The Organ was in capital order, and Mr Sangerer's playing was much admired. There were two vocal items in the programme, and we think, if any further Recitals are to be given, vocal music ought to be encouraged. Mr Crow, who knows the 'ring' of the Cathedral from 'chance to nave, sang his old favorite solo 'Arm, arm, ye brave' (Handel), and, although suffering from a tired voice, his Recitative and Solo came out well. Mr Sisman, whose voice is also well adapted to the Cathedral, sang Mendelssohn's 'Then shall the righteous' (Elijah), with true expression and in excellent voice.

Collard and Collard Pianos, at W. R. Robinson and Company.

It is proposed to float the Clear Water Dairy Farm as a public company, the first directors being Mr T. Sheldon, Dr. Tripp, and Mr. C. E. Crane. The property and stock have been, we understand, says the *Scotsman*, independently valued, and the purchase price is fixed at \$16,000, of which one-half is taken in shares. The capital is fixed at \$25,000, of which only \$20,000 is to be issued now, leaving \$5,000 unissued. Of the \$20,000 to be issued, there remain, after buying the stock and property, \$4,000 for working capital, the expenses of company formation being borne by the vendors. It is shown that the present profits should pay ten per cent per annum on the capital, and better results are hoped for. The especial point of the prospectus, however, is that shareholders will have a prior right to be supplied with milk, and that thus those who take shares will have a guarantee of getting pure milk. The milk is pure milk.

THE NEW CENTRAL MARKET.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The New Central Market is now approaching completion. We are enabled, by the courtesy of the Director of Public Works, to give a few particulars concerning this important addition to the public buildings of Hongkong. The building occupies the site once covered by the Old Market and the P. & O. Offices. The Northern Tower abuts on the Praya, the Southern Tower on Queen's Road, the Eastern side faces Queen Victoria Street and the Western side Jubilee Street. Two blocks, each 300 feet by 50 feet, run parallel to each other, from Queen's Road to the Praya, with an open alley way 20 feet wide between them. These blocks have each two floors connected at the Praya end by way of the lower storey of the tower, and in the centre by a wide gangway crossing the alleyway and giving through access, across both floors of the market, from Jubilee Street to Queen Victoria Street. Two entrances give access from Queen's Road to the upper floor. Both floors may be entered from the side streets and from the Praya, thus giving three distinct entrances to each section.

The structure covers an area of nearly 1/2 acres. The floor space in each of the four sections is over 15,000 sq. ft., or over 60,000 sq. feet in all. A parapet wall, eight feet away from the block, allows the free ingress of light and secures ample air space round the lower storey of the block. The building is of massive character, though the use of iron in the roof supports gives an air of lightness to the whole structure. The racecourse, 5 feet high, is of granite, and this and the foundations were entrusted to Mr Chan A King. The body of the building is of red brick, with Amy brick facing, and granite arches, pilasters, cornices and window facings. Mr Chan A Tong has this part of the undertaking in hand. All floors are of cement, allowing every facility for cleansing, and giving, by their substantial construction and finish, no margin for permeation. A system of corrugation or pitting is adopted throughout, and our fair housewives who may (inspired by the falling dollar and the New Cooking Stove) yearn to do their own marketing, will not stand in slippery places.

Neither will they need shooting boots and umbrellas, for steps at the Praya end give access (by way of the tower) to both floors without going out of shelter. The cross gangway between the centre of each upper floor is also roofed in. The upper floor is carried by steel joists on iron girders and columns, the columns supplied by Messrs Newton, Chambers & Co., Shropshire. The concrete on this floor is laid on corrugated iron plates. Arrangements have been made to give facilities for washing the floors, and the system of drainage is provided with automatic flushing tanks. The roof has iron principals with hard wood purlins supporting the red tile covering. The height from floor (up to apex) is 30 feet, and a ventilator

runs nearly the whole length of the building. The ground floor has a height—ceiling—of 20 feet, and here, as in the roof, the use of ironwork gives an appearance of even greater height.

The ironwork is from the works of Messrs Cochrane and Co., Dudley. Spouting, &c., for roof was supplied by Messrs McDowell, Steven, and Co. of Glasgow. The entrances are formed with granite arches and closed by ornamental iron gates, the work of Messrs Hill and Smith, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Some idea of the extent to which iron has been used may be gathered from the fact that the weight of ironwork in upper floors and roof is 616 tons. This is exclusive of gates, ventilator gratings, eaves gutters, stall-fittings, &c., and—none of it was 'Made in Germany.' Wood is used only where absolutely necessary, and then always set into iron sockets, or, if in brickwork, carefully covered at the ends with sheet lead. The cement floors are impervious and all bearings or sockets let into them are of iron. This practically precludes any chance of refuse collecting in odd corners owing to a want of thorough washing down.

The structure itself is not imposing. This is hardly to be looked for in a building adapted to four levels of streets and surrounded by three-storied Chinese houses. At each end of the market is a tower, 20 feet square carried two storeys in height above the main building and open on the lower floor. The staircase leading (at the Praya end) to the upper floor are 24 feet wide. Between the towers an alleyway leads to the sky and 20 feet wide, runs between the two blocks towards Queen's Road. The upper floor of both towers will be occupied by the officers charged with the supervision of the market. There are two airy rooms, one above the other, and a small room at the back, in each tower. Latrine accommodation is provided on the ground floor at the Praya end.

Mr Francis said there were no regulations to guide the members of the Board and to determine what was best to be done. It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Francis, that notices should be sent out informing the proprietors of the depots that the licences would not be issued to insanitary premises after buying the stock and property, \$4,000 for working capital, the expenses of company formation being borne by the vendors. It is shown that the present profits should pay ten per cent per annum on the capital, and better results are hoped for. The especial point of the prospectus, however, is that shareholders will have a prior right to be supplied with milk, and that thus those who take shares will have a guarantee of getting pure milk. The milk is pure milk.

Mr Francis said that although there were no regulations by law in force, of course the places could not be closed if the proprietors liked to keep them in proper order, as the law stood at present the Board was bound to license the places if they were in a sanitary state. He thought the matter had better be referred to a Committee.

The Chairman said he should think it would take a couple of months before the Board would be able to act in the matter. The Chairman said he should think it would take a couple of months before the Board would be able to act in the matter. After some discussion by all the members of the Board, it was thought that a sufficiently satisfactory result for most practical purposes would be secured by determining the average monthly mortality company through a number of years, Mr McCollum said that it would be a very difficult thing to do and might take a long time and might not prove satisfactory when undertaken, because of the defective statistics of farther than five years back. After some discussion by all the members of the Board, it was thought that a sufficiently satisfactory result for most practical purposes would be secured by determining the average monthly mortality company through a number of years, Mr Cooper thought could be done within a couple of months.

IMPERMEABLE FLOORS.

The following letter from Messrs Palmer and Turner had been received:—

Hongkong, 17 January, 1895.

H. H. Palmer, Esq., Secy. Sanitary Board.

Dear Sir,—With reference to nature of

impermeable floors and basements, we note

that the Board will be satisfied with 84

inches of concrete and a cement rendering.

We would suggest an improvement on this

flooring, viz.: 7 inches of lime concrete and 2 inches of concrete mixed with 1/2 inch

cement and 1/2 inch lime. This will

make a floor that will not break up, as

we fear, any rendering with cement will

be sure to do. The late Surveyor-General

Mr Price used a small proportion of

cement in the concrete of some of the

high level roads with great success.

We shall be glad to know if the Board

will pass a floor made as suggested.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The following minutes were appended:—

Mr F. H. Leigh—I consider a floor made

as proposed by Messrs Palmer and Turner

will answer the requirements very well if

Mr E. C. Shepherd—a good second.

The Long Range Cup started in August, 1894, was won by Mr Mann in June, 1894.

The Short Range Cup started in 1893 was

won by Commander Ashe, February, 1894.

The Short Range Cup started in February, 1894, was won by Mr G. C. Hayward in June 1894.

An extra meeting was held in autumn.

The Championship was won by Mr J. A. Strick, 1st Shropshire Regt.

The Secretary read the report of the Assistant Surveyor on the condition of house drains at blocks 186, 187, 191, and 192, and upon this Dr Hartigan suggested that the recommendations of the Surveyor be carried out at once.

Mr Leigh moved that the Government

should supply a copy of the last drainage

plan, as the new drainage system was now

practically finished. Then it would be

possible to determine which blocks to

choose first in the draining regulations ac-

cording to the position and capacity of

the drains. As things were now they could not

tell which way the drains ran and where the

outfall was, but if they had a proper plan

they could see at a glance where they were

draining and what blocks they were taking.

It was highly desirable that all blocks of

building which are now draining into the

old storm water drains should be diverted

into the new sewer. He thought the

Board ought to have as much information

and knowledge on the subject as the Director

of Public Works.

Mr Cooper said that the facts were of a

very serious nature indeed. In some of

the property there were no drains at all,

and he knew of one backyard where there

stod six inches of sewage.

Mr Leigh moved that the matter stand

over until the new plan was received.

Dr Hartigan seconded.

Mr Francis moved that the reports be

referred back into what was the outfall

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